## **MAYOR AND COUNCIL AGENDA**



NO. 10

DEPT.: Recreation and Parks

STAFF CONTACT: Betsy Thompson

DATE PREPARED: April 18, 2005 FOR MEETING OF: May 2, 2005

**SUBJECT:** Proclamation Declaring May as Bicycle Month in the City of Rockville and Recognition of Children Who Earned a Bike through the Character Counts! Program.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Read and present proclamation. Nancy Breen, Chairperson and members of the Rockville Bicycle Advisory Committee will accept the proclamation and be recognized for their service to the community.

Read names of children who earned a bike and have them come forward to be recognized (as a group). Certificates will be presented to them in the lobby.

**DISCUSSION:** May is "National Bicycling Month" throughout the United States. The City annually declares May as Bicycle Awareness Month in Rockville, and conducts many activities to promote bicycling among our residents, such as:

- Implementation of the 2004 Bikeway Master Plan, including construction of the Pedestrian/bike Bridge over I-270 at MD. 28; completion of the Millennium Trail and other bike paths, signage for shared routes, distribution of a Rockville bikeways map and routine maintenance on all routes.
- Rockville's Bike Advisory Committee meets monthly to review projects and give citizen input.
- Regional Bike to Work Day, May 20, 2005
- "Bike-Recycling/Character Counts Program"
- Placement of bike racks and lockers throughout the City of Rockville
- Teaching bicycle and pedestrian safety education in Rockville elementary schools
- "Ride for Rockville" bike ride at Hometown Holidays, Sunday, May 29, 2005

This year 49 children earned bicycles by demonstrating good character traits such as trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship. The bikes were awarded at a special event in their honor on Saturday, April 30 at Croydon Creek Nature Center.

Options Considered: Not applicable.

Fiscal Impact: Not applicable.

Change in Law or Policy: Not applicable.

Boards and Commissions Review: Not applicable.

Next Steps: Not applicable.

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	Burt Hall, Director of Recreation and Parks	Date
	Carlie Lack Par	1/35/05
	Scott Ullery, City Manager	Date

WHEREAS, the month of May has been proclaimed as "National Bicycling Month" throughout the United States by national, state and local bicycling organizations and state and local governments; and

WHEREAS, the City of Rockville is proud to be a "bicycle friendly" community, constantly striving to increase awareness and acceptance of bicycling as a means of transportation, recreation and fitness, as well as promoting bicycle safety both on and off the road. Desirable transportation and recreation alternatives, improved physical fitness, and cleaner air are important to the well-being of the City of Rockville; and

WHEREAS, the City of Rockville has developed a bicycle network to allow direct routing to major destinations (like public transportation, schools, parks, public facilities, and shopping) within the city limits and this network is well integrated with the Montgomery County Bikeway Master Plan as well as the plans of adjacent cities; and

WHEREAS, The City of Rockville maintains a comprehensive bicycle and pedestrian community education and outreach program (serving as the model for local and regional jurisdictions) resulting in over 5,000 elementary-aged children trained to be safe bicyclists and pedestrians; and

**WHEREAS**, The City of Rockville Citizens Bicycle Advisory Committee has collected and distributed over 100 used bicycles in the last 12 months.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, LARRY GIAMMO**, along with members of the Council of the City of Rockville, do hereby proclaim May 2005 as BICYCLE AWARENESS MONTH, and urge all citizens of Rockville to seek opportunities to ride bicycles this month and all the other months as well.

Mayor Larry Giammo
Councilmember Robert E. Dorsey
Councilmember John F. Hall, Jr.
Councilmember Susan R. Hoffmann
Councilmember Anne M. Robbins

May 2, 2005



## Character Counts! 2005

## Participant List

Berger, Brendan

Britton, Rosalee

Brown, Ryan

Ceschin, Matteo

Chen, Vivien

Conner, Brandon

Conner, Corey

Corrales, Harvey

Covalin, El-Ad

Deng, Jessica

DiFazio, Mary

Du, Jeremy

Du, Matthew

Duan, Jennifer

Flores, Moises

Huo, Heather

Husna, Asma

Jones, Angelica

Jones, Faith

Jordan, Brian

Kathuria, Isha

Kavr, Shej

Kim, Jonathan

Kulkarni, Priya

Lemus, Celeste

Livermore, Chelsea

Long, Taylor

Mangui, Gibran

Musa, Omar

Musa, Samina

Ngo, Ivy

Pollock, Dejuan

Reese, Christina

Rhodes, Kennedy

Rifai, Waliullah

Sadur, Brandon

Salles, Isabella

Scott, Nick

Singh, Guransh

Tang, Jason

Thakkar, Sohum

Tien, Tiffany

Toler, Halle

Toler, Heather

Velasquez, Brian Jose

Vu, Anthony

Washington, Brandon

Washington, Lauren

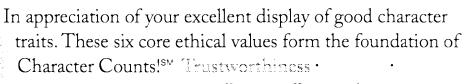
Watson, Cheyenne

Yu, Ezra

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## Certificate of Recognition

Presented to:



· Caring · Citizenship

Your display of good character traits has earned you a bicycle! Please ride safely, always wear a helmet and help others to ride safely.

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